



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No.

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City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Mike Holmes, Councilmember
Date: January 27, 2014
Subject: Letter of Thanks to UAIC for Donation of Statue

The Issue

Shall the City Council approve a letter of thanks to the United Auburn Indian Community for their donation of the Nisenan Dancer to the City of Auburn?

Conclusion and Recommendation

By MOTION, approve the attached draft letter for the Mayor's signature.

Background

The UAIC commissioned sculptor Doug Van Howd to create the "Nisenan Dancer" which was installed in Auburn's Central Square recognizing the history of the American-Indian community as part of the history of this area. At the time of the installation there was no formal paperwork transferring ownership to the City of Auburn. Councilman Holmes was contacted by the UAIC staff suggesting a letter of appreciation be sent to the tribal office's to acknowledge gift thus making it possible to remove the statue from the UAIC list of assets.

27 January 2014

Mr. Gene Whitehouse
Chair, United Auburn Indian Community
10720 Indian Hill Road
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Chairman Whitehouse,

I am writing today on behalf of the Auburn City Council and the residents of Auburn to express our sincere gratitude for your donation of the Doug Van Howd statue "Nisenan Dancer" to the City of Auburn. As you recall the statue was formally mounted in the downtown Central Square area of the city. It quickly became the center piece of art in our community.

I also want to acknowledge other art pieces the tribe has helped sponsor such as the Auburn Area War Memorial in the New Auburn Cemetery which was dedicated in 2005.

Your continued assistance with non-profit organizations in the Auburn area has been recognized by the community at large as a major source of funds to keep those activities and services available.

Again, thank you for all you do in support of the Auburn community.

Yours sincerely,

Bridget Powers
Mayor

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